

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for populating a contact list on a portable device, the method comprising:

extracting contact information from a number of messages stored in a memory in the portable device; and

automatically entering the extracted contact information upon extraction into a contact list that is configured to receive information directly entered into the contact list by a person via a text entry device and that is maintained by a program operating on the portable device.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein extracting contact information includes monitoring incoming messages and retrieving contact information from incoming messages.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein contact information includes a simple mail transfer protocol (SMTP) email address.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein extracting contact information includes scanning a message database and retrieving contact information from messages contained in the database.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein only messages sent or received before a preselected time stamp associated with each message, after a preselected time stamp associated with each message or during a preselected time period between time stamps associated with each message are scanned.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein only messages sent or received after a time of a last scan are scanned.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein entering the extracted contact information into a contact list maintained by a program operating on the portable device includes providing a graphical user interface (GUI) with contact information configured to receive a selection from a user of the portable device.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein entering the extracted contact information into a contact list maintained by a program operating on the portable device includes automatically entering in the contact list only contact information not already contained in the contact list.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising filtering contact information to include or exclude from the contact list contact information from emails received from certain domains.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising filtering contact information to include or exclude from the contact list contact information from retrieved addresses from certain domains.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising filtering contact information to include in the contact list only email sender information.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A processing system comprising:
a central processing unit (CPU); and
a storage device coupled to a processor and having stored there information for configuring the CPU to:

extract information from a number of messages stored in memory in the portable device; and

enter contact information into a contact list maintained by a program operating on the portable device, wherein ~~the existing contact information only a portion of a contact entry for an individual entry~~ is modified with the extracted information or is replaced with the extracted information.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the CPU is further configured to monitor incoming messages and retrieve contact information from incoming messages.

18. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the CPU is further configured to scan a message database and retrieve contact information from messages contained in the database.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the CPU is further configured to provide a graphical user interface (GUI) with contact information configured to receive a selection from a user of the portable device.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the CPU is further configured to automatically enter into the contact list only contact information not already contained in the contact list.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the contact list includes contact entries and wherein each entry is configured to present phone information for a contact

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the contact list includes contact entries and wherein each entry is configured to present phone information for a contact.

25. (Canceled)

26. (New) The system of claim 16, wherein the storage device has stored or there information for configuring the CPU to automatically enter the contact information into the contact list upon extracting the information from the number of messages.

27. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein only a portion of a contact entry for an individual entity is modified or is replaced with the entered extracted contact information.

28. (New) A method for populating a contact list on a portable device, the method comprising:

extracting contact information from a number of messages stored in a memory in the portable device; and

entering the extracted contact information upon extraction into a contact list that is configured to be viewed by a person and configured to receive information directly entered into the contact list by a person via a text entry device and that is maintained by a program operating on the portable device, wherein only a portion of a contact entry for an individual entity is modified or is replaced with the entered extracted contact information.